



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the application of: Betty, *et al.*

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed September 16, 2003, the response period of which is extended to February 17, 2004 by the accompanying request for extension of time, please amend the above-titled application as follows. Applicants note the response due date of February 16, 2004, fell on Presidents Day a Federal Holiday and therefore the response due date is extended to February 17, 2004.